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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HIDEYOSHI HORIMAI

Serial No.: 10/576,431

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For: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING  
METHOD AND OPTICAL INFORMATION  
RECORDING MEDIUM

Art Unit: 2627

Examiner: Van Nguyen Chow

ELECTION OF SPECIESCommissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species requirement dated February 18, 2010, from the species (a) directed towards an optical recording medium, Applicant selects the species of group VI, namely species F of Figure 6 and from the species (b) for the directions of vertical recording-specific reference light selects the species of group II, namely species M of Figure 9 and upon which the claims 9 through 17 are readable.

Applicant makes these Elections of Species with the expressed intent of not abandoning his invention contained in the other claims and figures and expressly reserves the right to take whatever other action is necessary to preserve his inventions contained in the other claims and figures.

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In reply to the Election of Species requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that Figures 8 and 9 are explanations for producing a master while rotating a disk-shaped recording medium and are not essential for the claims 9 through 17. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no requirement to select between Figures 8 and 9 and the two should be recombined.

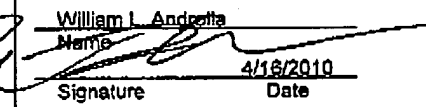
Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the Election of Species requirement and respectfully requests that the extension fee in the amount of \$65.00 (Fee Code: 2251) be charged to QUINN EMANUEL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-4367.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Election of Species or required by any requests for extensions of time to QUINN EMANUEL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-4367.

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